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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased that Dr. Michael Haltzel is being considered as a possible nominee to serve as U.S. Ambassador to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. He is well qualified professionally for this responsibility and I am confident that there will be strong agreement in Congress that he would be a valuable interlocutor for the United States in Europe.

Dr. Haltzel has served on the staff of the Foreign Relations Committee for several years and has provided substantial support to committee members on foreign policy issues related to United States interests in Europe. His academic background and professional expertise in the broad spectrum of matters confronting the United States in Europe make him a particularly good choice for this Ambassadorship.

As a result of the controversial background of the current U.S. representative to the OSCE, the United States has been without Ambassador level representation in this post since 1993. I am prepared to support Dr. Haltzel's candidacy in order to ensure that this unfortunate situation is remedied. If nominated, I can assure expeditious consideration by the Foreign Relations Committee.

Sincerely,

Jesse Helms

JESSE HELMS

cc: Robert Nash, Director of White House Personnel